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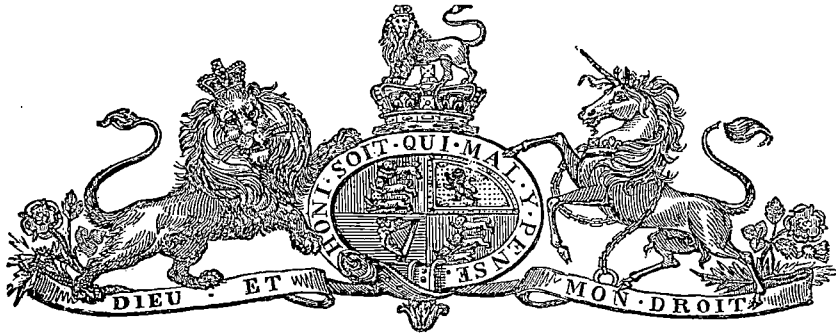
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Presented by Mr. Gibson, and ordered by the House to be printed,
29 August, 1859.



To the Honorable the House of Assembly of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants of the Forth.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

1. THAT your Petitioners are fully alive to the importance of true Religion, and earnestly desire its extension throughout the community.

2. That they believe that this will be best effected by leaving its support and diffusion exclusively to the spontaneous offerings of its professors, those who prize its sacred ordinances, appreciate its privileges, and are sensible of its solemn obligations.

3. That they believe the system at present pursued by the State of affording pecuniary aid to various religious bodies is productive of many evils, without a single advantage.

4. That the condition of the Public Finances is such that they ought to be at once relieved from a heavy annual charge, which can only be met by increased taxation.

Your Petitioners therefore pray your Honorable House to adopt such means as will relieve the Revenue of the Colony from all charges for Ecclesiastical purposes.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

Walter Mathison, <i>Independent</i> <i>Minister.</i>	W. B. Button	John Lynch
George William Drew	Thomas Yaxley	Francis Lynch
Amos Drew	John Spinks	William Brown
Thomas W. Hardy	Anderson Cummings	Joseph Berry
Edwin Cummings	Lewis Grant	Thos. L. Button
Joseph Raymond	Robert Lankaster	Richard Snare
George Ling	Joseph Suckling	Michael Sullivan
David Harly	James Patterson	Daniel Monson
William Yatley	Frederick C. Stavelly	Frederick Morley
James Smith	Jos. McDonald, junior.	James William
James Brown	Thomas Hinigan	John Linton
George C. Walker	George Herbert Poole, by	Daniel Booney
James Fenton	T. H.	William Henry Linton
Henry Burt	James Elliott	Edward Connors.
	Barnard Lynch	